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Application of Rudolf Eckardt and Hans-Joachim Jansch

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Examiner T. McKenzie

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For PROCESS FOR PRODUCING CARBAMAZEPINE

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BOX AMENDMENT - NO FEE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington DC 20231

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Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office letter mailed on January 27, 2000, please amend page 3, line 13 of the disclosure, by inserting --or aqueous and alcoholic-- after "aqueous or alcoholic".

REMARKS

Claims 2-8 are in the application. All further reference to the patent Acklin et al. is to the United States counterpart (USP No. 4,847,374), of European patent application No. 277,095.

The objection to the disclosure is respectfully submitted to be in error, because the alleged objectionable terminology "hydrogen cyanide" occurs at no point in the specification. In the specific locations identified by the examiner "cyanhydroxide" is used which is a perfectly acceptable designation synonymous with "cyanic acid" (HCNO), see Hack's Chemical Dictionary, 2nd ed. p.245.

The phrase "sucked off" is respectfully submitted to be a perfectly acceptable terminology for the chemical procedure that is designated thereby, and it is **not synonymous** with the term suggested by the examiner, because "collected"